

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMAN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011***

Present: Selectman: Michael Woodworth, Wes Moore and Tom Hayward. Others present included: Bob Devantery, Brian Knipstein, and Chief Reed.

Call to order at 7:02 pm.

The Selectman reviewed and signed:

- Checks
- Police Officer Appointments: Guy Philbrook, Anne Gould, Kevin LaValley
- Elderly Deferral Application
- Timber Tax Levy & Yield Tax (103-8)
- Abatement (214-1)

Nature Conservancy Grant Agreement (42 acres Case Property: 209-12) tabled for a legal review.

Bob Devantery, Treasurer of the Newfields Historical Society, met with the Selectmen to discuss the transfer of funds (\$1,016.00) left in the Historical Society Bank Account to the Library. The decision was made by Diana Toth, President and Bob Devantery, Treasurer. The Check Book and Account Statements were left with the Selectman until the new Volunteers (Cheryl Davis, Lee Woodworth, Sam Taylor and Bob Devantery) decide on the new Treasurer and Officers.

The Selectman met with Brian Knipstein to discuss:

- Culvert at Railroad Ave and repair of the eroding area. Brian is awaiting a quote to possibly reline the 150 foot culvert with 1" PVC liner. Brian will keep the Selectman updated.
- Scanlon / Heath Subdivision road completion. The Town needs to give Aaron Brown a punch list or receive a check for the Town to complete the roads. A possible contingent plan could be to stop the issuing of building permits, certificates of occupancy and title closings until completion of roads since the Bond of \$173,917.00 (Provident Bank) expires 10/16/2011.
- Road Construction Bond – A meeting to be scheduled to discuss protecting Town roads from damages incurred by contractors / homeowners from unloading heavy equipment, possibly in Driveway Permits, and for street opening by a utility company. The Road Agent would be given the right to ask for the fees.

- Ridge Road – A signed letter was received from the residents of Ridge Road of their concerns about the road's condition and stability. Tom will call and advise them that Ridge Road has been added to the Paving Plan's most needed list for the 2012 Budget.
- Contingency Bond Fund or Warrant Article Expendable Fund to be set aside for Emergency Paving Projects to be discussed at a future meeting.

Police Officer Nathan Libenow was sworn in as Sergeant by the Town Clerk, Sue McKinnon and a reception followed.

Chief Reed met with the Selectman to finalize the bids for the new generator for Town Hall. Eastern Propane & Oil and Exeter River Electrical Contractors, Inc. were awarded the Bid at \$10,205.00. (There will be an annual service charge of \$200.00 and the current Propane cost is \$2.48 per lb.).

The progress of the Dispatch move to Rockingham County was also discussed and the IDEACOM Agreement was approved and signed for the phone line changes. The Selectman asked Chief Reed to update and forward the Dispatch spread sheet of the expenses, grants and phones to them, as soon as possible. Wes will contact Stratham for their Dispatch experience with Rockingham County to date.

Thank-you to Jack Shaw from the Selectman for his work in removing and polishing the Clara Sanborn Paul Plaque dated May 30, 1930 from the old flag pole.

Wes informed the Board that he contacted LGC regarding the tax exempt status of the town, under the Water & Sewer District. This information should be in the Newfields Village Water & Sewer District incorporation papers when they were first established.

A complaint of an offensive smell from chickens on Main Street was received by the Selectmen. The Health Inspector will be contacted to meet with the Selectmen.

The funding check of \$200.00 dated 5/6/2011 to Seacoast Hospice will be returned since they no longer qualify as tax exempt under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Board of Selectman reviewed the Town Expenditures for the Month of May.

Wes will contact the High Flying Flag Co. to make an appointment to have the new flag pole installed.

Michael will be compiling the spread sheet for GASB Compliant information.

Town Office was approved to close at noon on Friday, June 10, 2011 and posted on Town Hall Marquee and website.

Minutes of the May 17th meeting were read. Motion was made to accept as read by Wes, and seconded by Michael. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:38 pm, Michael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman
Deputy Town Clerk